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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Robert M. Osborne, 43, of Sparta, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. Magistrate Judge Stephen Crocker to two years probation, a \$1,000 fine, and participation in substance abuse treatment as a result of his conviction on a federal drug possession charge. In November, Osborne pleaded guilty to a one count information charging that on August 16, 2005, he possessed cocaine base.

The charge against Robert M. Osborne was the result of an investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the La Crosse Police Department, and the West Central Drug Enforcement Unit, which culminated in the execution of a federal search warrant at his home on Sparta in August 16, 2005, netting about 3.5 grams of cocaine base. Prosecution of this case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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